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Office Action Summary

Application No.	10/043,155	Applicant(s)	SHIBUSAWA, TORU
Examiner	Jean W. Désir	Art Unit	2614

-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address --

Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- If the period for reply specified above is less than thirty (30) days, a reply within the statutory minimum of thirty (30) days will be considered timely.
- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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Status

1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on 29 November 2004.

2a) This action is **FINAL**. 2b) This action is non-final.

3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

4) Claim(s) 1-10 is/are pending in the application.

4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.

5) Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.

6) Claim(s) 1-10 is/are rejected.

7) Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.

8) Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.

10) The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).

11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).

a) All b) Some * c) None of:
1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

1) Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2) Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3) Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date _____.

4) Interview Summary (PTO-413)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____.
5) Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6) Other: _____.

DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

1. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

2. Claims 1-10 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by EP 0 834 991 A1, denoted in the rejection by EP991.

Claim 1:

The EP991 discloses:

“first means for performing pre-scan processing for successively tuning in on channels previously set, to examine whether or not a received signal on each of the channels is of a predetermined quality or more, and temporarily registering the channel numbers of the channels on which the received signals are of the predetermined quality or more in a storage device as receivable channel candidates”, see items 1, 2, 6-9 of the Figure, col. 1 lines 21-40;

“and second means for performing normal scan processing for successively tuning in on the receivable channel candidates temporarily registered in the storage device by the first means, to acquire and register necessary channel information”, see items 6, 7, 5 of the Figure, col. 1 line 51 to col. 2 line 15.

Claim 2 is disclosed, see col. 1 lines 29-40.

Claim 3 is disclosed, see items 1-3 of the Figure.

Claim 4 is disclosed, see items 8, 9, 6 of the Figure.

Claim 5 is disclosed, see col. 2 lines 22-40, col. 3 lines 1-13

Claim 6 is rejected for the same reasons as claim 1.

Claims 7-10 are rejected for the same reasons as claims 2-5 respectively.

Response to Arguments

3. Applicant's arguments have been fully considered but they are not persuasive.

Applicant argues on page 3 last paragraph of the REMARKS that "since EPO '991 performs the second frequency (steps) scan for a channel right after the first frequency (steps) scan, there is absolute no need in EPO '991 to temporarily register the channel numbers of the channels for which the measured RF value exceed a threshold value determined in the first frequency (steps) scan." These arguments are not persuasive, EPO '991 does not perform the second frequency (steps) scan for a channel right after the first frequency (steps) scan as argued by the Applicant, because EPO '991 includes a memory 7 as shown in the Figure for temporarily storing tuning information for the different channels, and these tuning information are considered as also included the channel numbers of the channels as claimed.

Conclusion

4. **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL.** Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire THREE MONTHS from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within TWO MONTHS of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the THREE-MONTH shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the mailing date of this final action.

5. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Jean W. Désir whose telephone number is (703) 308 9571. The examiner can normally be reached on 5/4/9 - First Friday Off.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, John W. Miller can be reached on (703) 305 4795. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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